

REMARKS**Claims Status**

Claims 1–6, 9–11, and 17 and 51-70 are pending in this application. Claims 7-8, 12-16 and 18-50 were previously deleted from the application.

Objection Raised in the Notice Dated 3/09/04

The Examiner objected to the claims as not being properly identified with respect to their status. A corrected section of the non-compliant amendment has been submitted in this response, properly identifying the status of all claims in the Applicants' application. Applicants believe that these corrections overcome the Examiner's objections to Applicants' claims.

CONCLUSION

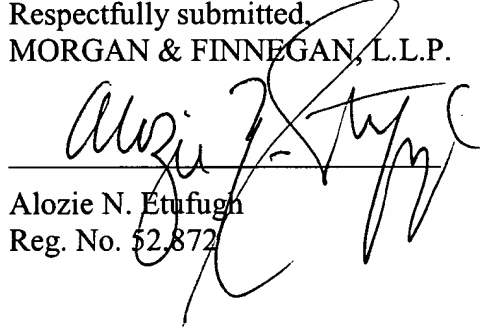
In light of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and earnestly request such allowance. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the timely consideration of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 0140-4126US5. A **DUPLICATE COPY** of this page is enclosed.

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